

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

Claims 27-36 were pending in the application prior to this amendment. Claims 27-36 stand rejected.

With this amendment, claims 27, 29 and 33 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced, and thus, entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

II. Response to Objection of the Drawings

The drawings were objected to for allegedly not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

Applicant submits that claim 27 has been amended for further clarification to recite, “in case of a one-directional printing mode, the printing means to perform the one-directional printing when received the print command from the host device without transferring the correction value and the information to the host device when the receiving means receives the request from the host device and without performing the correction when the receiving means receives a correction command from the host device.” This is supported by the specification which states (e.g., on page 17) that the process shown in the flow chart of Fig. 5 is performed only when the printing mode for bi-directional printing is set, and to execute one-directional printing when the mode is set to one-directional printing. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings now be withdrawn.

III. Response to Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 27-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. More specifically, claims 27-36 are rejected for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In response to the rejection, Applicant has amended claims 27, 29 and 33 for further clarification to recite “in case of a one-directional printing mode, the printing means to perform the one-directional printing when received the print command from the host device without transferring the correction value and the information to the host device when the receiving means receives the request from the host device and without performing the correction

when the receiving means receives a correction command from the host device.” Support for this limitation may be found, for example, in Fig. 5 and on page 17 of the specification which states “[i]n a case where a printing apparatus includes a printing mode for one-directional printing and a printing mode for bi-directional printing, the process shown in the flowchart in Fig. 5 is performed only when the printing mode for bi-directional printing is set.” Therefore, the printing apparatus, in accordance with at least one embodiment of the present invention, is able to determine whether the correction process shown in Fig. 5 should be performed in accordance with the set printing mode, that is, either the one-directional printing mode or the bi-directional printing mode.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection to claims 27-36 now be withdrawn. Further, as no other issues with the pending claims are apparent to the Applicant, claims 27-36 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

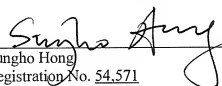
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5265. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5265. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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